

The Royal Society: UK-Japan Collaborative Programmes

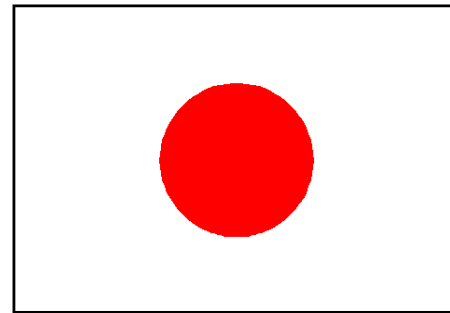
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| Our mission vis-à-vis international activities:

- Generally: To offer grant schemes enabling the UK to engage with the best science around the world
- Special initiatives: Capacity building programme for South Africa (since 1996) and for Ghana & Tanzania

Exchanges and Collaborations with Japan:

The Society runs four major grant schemes, which include Japan:



- Conference Grants
- Short Visits
- Joint Projects
- Incoming Fellowships
- *Outgoing Fellowships for JSPS*

Conference Grants:

- Available for UK-based scientists to attend conference overseas
- The Society awarded 45 Conference Grants to UK scientists to attend conferences in Japan in FY 2007/08
- Japan was the fourth most popular destination for this scheme after the USA, Australia, and Canada during this period

Short Visits:

- To initiate one-to-one collaborations
- UK scientists can apply for Outgoing Short Visits
- This award covers international airfare (outgoing only), local travel, and subsistence
- In total 9 Outgoing Short Visits were awarded in FY 2007/08
- Japan-based scientists can apply for Incoming Short Visits
- This award covers local travel and subsistence
- The Society awarded 7 Incoming Short Visits in FY 2007/08

Merger of Conference Grants and Short Visits:

- International Travel Grants
- Major objective:
 - To enable UK-based scientists to promote collaboration with scientists from overseas countries (including attendance of conferences, workshops, and seminars)
- Global remit
- Up to £4,000
- Flexibility for applicants to cost activity
- Opportunity to streamline the selection procedures
- First call: September 2008

Joint Projects:

- Mobility grants for bilateral collaborations between UK and other countries (four calls/year)
- Support available for two years
- Applicants must be post-doctoral, but other, more junior team members, including PhD students, can participate in project
- Maximum claimable allowance of £6,000, out of which £1,000 can be used to cover research costs
- 21 UK-Japan Joint Projects funded by the Society in FY 2007/08

Joint Project in partnership with *Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation*

- New funding arrangement over five years from 2007
- Up to five Joint Projects annually entirely funded by *Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation*
- The application and selection procedure handled by the Royal Society
- First round of application in 2007 completed: 5 Joint Projects awarded

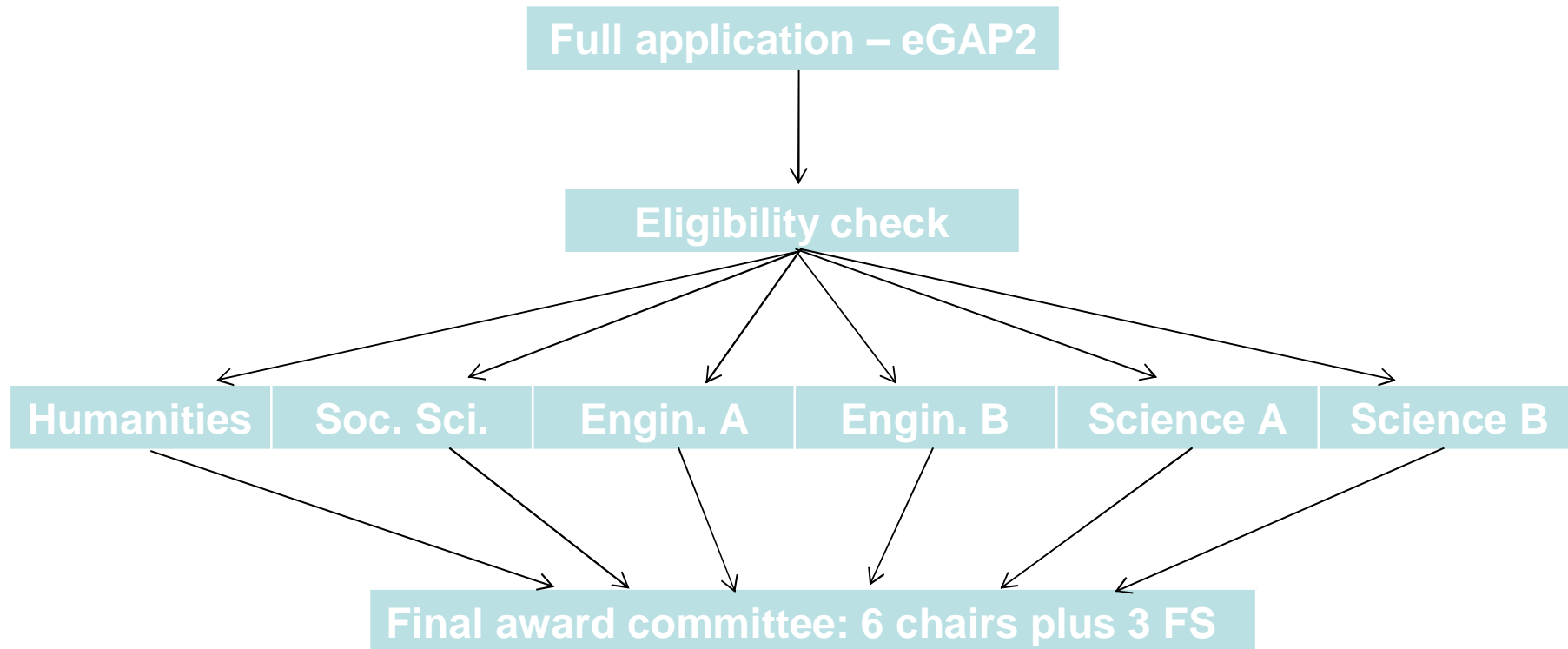
New International Fellowship scheme in 2008:

- Fellowship schemes for North-America and Asia discontinued
- Establishment of the Newton International Fellowship with British Academy and Royal Academy of Engineering
- Aimed at early career post-doctoral researchers based outside the UK
- Two year tenure plus ten year alumni support:
 - £24k subsistence annually
 - £8k research costs annually
 - £2k relocation (one-off payment)
 - £6k/year alumni support for up to ten years
- Official launch event with DIUS: 4th June 2008

Branding of the new Fellowship:



Selection procedures:



JSPS Postdoctoral (Outgoing) Fellowships programme:

- The Society acted as a nominating authority for this programme in the past
- The scheme supported postdoctoral researchers from the UK to conduct research in Japanese institutions for 1-2 years
- The Society nominated up to 10 researchers a year
- This programme is entirely funded by JSPS
- The Society just completed the first round of applications and submitted recommendations

Many thanks!

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